Honorable Nancy Hershey Lord

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District New York 271 Cadman Plaza East, Suite 1595 Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201-1800 November 21, 2013

Hand Delivered & U.S. Mail

RE: Alevtina Dick-Case No. 11-41682-nhl Notification of Illegal, Unethical, and Intentional Misconduct by

Robert L. Geltzer U.S. Trustee The Law Offices of Robert L. Geltzer, Robert L. Geltzer, Attorney at Law

Dear Judge Lord:

I am Leslie Dick, the husband of Alevtina Dick. I am writing to apprise you of the Dilatory conduct of Trustee Robert L. Geltzer as it pertains to the interference & effectuating the withholding of my Personal Injury Case File. The Trustee Robert L. Geltzer has prevented the transfer of my case file to my Attorneys Dinkes and Schwitzer, for the last 5-6 months. These acts are illegal, unethical, intentional and are currently ongoing. I will be asking this Honorable Court for Justice.

I will outline the actions which he intentionally practiced upon my attorneys, a Supreme Court Justice, my wife and I outside of the Law with no Legal Jurisdiction, Bankruptcy Order and/or Subpoena to do so.

1.) On or about <u>July 8, 2013</u> I signed a Consent to change Law Firms from Schwartz, Goldstone and Campisi to my current Attorneys Dinkes and Schwitzer, P.C. Shortly thereafter, my wife signed a Consent to also retain Dinkes and Schwitzer.

- 2.) In response, my former Attorney Joseph Campisi indicated that he cannot release my file without the consent of the Trustee Robert L. Geltzer and The Law Offices of Robert L. Geltzer (Attorneys for the Trustee). This court should be aware that my previous Attorneys never were requested by the Trustee to produce any Documents for the three years that Joseph Campisi was our Attorney. In addition, the Trustee never indicated to them, me, my wife, or this Honorable Court that the Trustee controls my wife's derivative action until September 23, 2013.
- 3.) A cursory review of my wife's Bankruptcy Docket indicates she was discharged on 6/14/2011, with no timely objections made by the Trustee and or any of the other Claimants/Creditors in her case. The last day to oppose discharge or dischargeability was 6/13/2011, (2 years and 4 months ago). In fact the major claimant in her Bankruptcy Case, Roc Le Triomphe Associates LLC, acknowledges her Bankruptcy Discharge in a Letter dated June 15th 2012 to Supreme Court Justice Donna Mills which language also is contained in a Court Order dated 6/21/2012 and filed on October 15, 2013. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as **EXHIBIT 1** is the Letter dated June 15th 2012 and the subsequent Court Order which memorializes the major Claimant's acknowledgement of her Bankruptcy Discharge one year after.
- 4.) In addition, Attorney Mark E. Bruh (Law Offices of Robert L. Geltzer) acknowledged at the Creditors hearing on 4/12/2011 that the derivative claim of my wife for Loss of Consortium is "negligible" and also exempt from her estate. Trustee Robert L. Geltzer never objected to her derivative claim and in fact never stated said claim as part of the Bankruptcy Trustee's requirement to do so within 30 days of her Bankruptcy Discharge. It should be noted that the Trustee and Trustee's Attorney, Mark E. Bruh and the major creditor's Law Firm, Kucker and Bruh, needs to disclose if a conflict exists by virtue of their last names or for other reasons unknown.
- 5.) The Trustee Robert L. Geltzer has in addition failed and refused to deliver to my Wife the Documents shown/given to him at the Creditor's Hearing by the Law Firm of Kucker and Bruh. Said evidence was withheld and not produced by

Kucker and Bruh at the Trial in Landlord/Tenant Court by which they obtained their fraudulent Judgment. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is **EXHIBIT 2**, Letter to Robert L. Geltzer, U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee dated June 4, 2012, to which he never responded, to date.

- **6.)** On <u>July 20th 2013</u>, my Attorneys Dinkes and Schwitzer filed an Order to Show Cause before Supreme Court Justice Joan A. Madden. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is the Order to Show Cause as <u>**EXHIBIT 3**</u>.
- 7.) On October 15, 2013 and November 5, 2013 an Affirmation in Opposition was filed by my Former Law Firm Schwartz, Goldstone and Campisi. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is the Affirmation in Opposition dated November 5th and November 15th, 2013 as **EXHIBIT 4** (which are identical but with both the original Case Number and the new Case number which was filed with a new index No.156478/13 with a new fee paid to get my file transferred to my new Attorneys Dinkes and Schwitzer).
- 8.) On October 23, 2013 my spouse, Alevtina Dick, filed a Letter with your Honor [ECF#56] and in response, your Courtroom Deputy filed a Notice of Hearing dated October 24, 2013 --to occur on December 4, 2013 before your Honor at 3:00pm. Trustee Robert L. Geltzer received both my wife's Letter and this Honorable Courts Notice of Hearing—of which he has not responded to in writing.
- **9.)** Thereafter and unbeknownst to me, my spouse and my current Attorneys, Trustee Robert L. Geltzer had an ex-parte conversation with Supreme Court Justice Manuel Mendez in regard to my Personal Injury File Index No. 112435/09, pending with the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, which resulted in the Order as contained within **EXHIBIT 5** incorporated by reference and attached hereto.
- 10.) That Trustee Robert L. Geltzer was aware of the hearing before your Honor that will occur on December 4, 2013—yet he elected not to wait for the hearing before your Honor, and in addition did circumvent filing a Motion in your Court or filing a Motion in the Supreme Court, yet he was able to obtain an Order from the Supreme Court Justice in my Personal Injury Case to obtain the "legal" file of my

spouse Alevtina Dick. He improperly prevented my case file from being transferred to my new counsel. In my belief, the Trustee acted with no Jurisdictional Authority and/or Legal basis to do so. In fact, I believe it is illegal and ethically improper to engage in such behavior, as is ex-parte discussions with a Supreme Court Judge who is the presiding Judge in my Personal Injury Action.

- 11.) Trustee Robert L. Geltzer was aware or should have been aware by virtue of the Letter dated October 23, 2013 to your Honor [ECF # 56], that my Personal Injury File only contains my Private Medical Records, my Depositions and Information protected by my Attorney-Client Privilege. Yet Robert L. Geltzer zealously continued to pursue an unethical, illegal and wholly improper course of action utilizing his Trustee status in ex-parte private conversations with a Supreme Court Justice thereby prejudicing me, my wife and my Attorneys in the prosecution of my Personal Injury Case for the last 5-6 months.
- **12.)** On November 5, 2013 my new Attorneys filed a Reply Affirmation which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as **EXHIBIT 6**.
- 13.) On November 6, 2013, the date of the Show Cause Hearing, the Supreme Court Justice rendered an Order which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as EXHIBIT 5. My wife's "Legal File" consists of a retainer agreement with both our original Attorney(s). There was no intake sheet with either of those Law Firms.

Judge Lord, please be aware that I survived a very serious car accident in which I was the passenger, on May 16, 2009. I have suffered and undergone years of therapy in an attempt to correct the physical, mental and financial damage inflicted upon me. Within the last year I have undergone two (2) major surgeries (Urinary Bladder Cancer and Lumbar Back Fusion) as a result of the car accident. In the next few months I will be having major surgery on my Neck and Foot, also caused by the car accident.

The malicious threats, harassment and unlawful acts that have been committed by the Trustee has caused me great emotional distress and has both negatively affected my recovery and current preparation for my next surgeries. My wife is my sole caretaker and has also been negatively affected by the Trustee's action(s).

I believe the aforementioned acts are contrary to Federal Law, State Law, The New York Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Chief Judges Standards for Civility under Administrative Order #568, dated October 28th, 2010. The Trustee may have committed other illegal & unethical acts of which I am currently unaware.

Judge Lord I am respectfully requesting that the Trustee Robert L.Geltzer and the the Trustee's Law Firm, Law Offices Robert L. Geltzer be held accountable for his behavior and that he testify under oath in regard to his actions complained herein.

In addition, I respectfully request that an Order be issued that Trustee Robert L. Geltzer has no interest in and/or right to have ex-parte or any discussions in regard to my Personal Injury Case and that my entire Legal File including my wife's Legal File be turned over to our Attorney's Dinkes and Schwitzer, P.C. Attn: William Schwitzer & William R. Hamel.

Please be advised that Dinkes and Schwitzer and I will be attending your hearing on December 4, 2013 at 3:00pm and respectfully request that the issues I have raised in this letter will be taken up for consideration in addition to the issues raised by my wife as contained in her letter to you[ECF#56], since they have become the same issue as a direct result of Trustee Robert L. Geltzer's acts.

Judge Lord, I thank you for your attention and consideration.

Cc: Robert L. Geltzer, Trustee
Dinkes and Schwitzer, P.C.
Schwartz, Goldstone and Campisi
U.S. Bankruptcy Clerk

Respectfully yours,

Leslie Dick 917.362.7111

114-06 Queens Blvd. C8

Forest Hills, New York 11375

PRESENT: DONNA M. MILLS	PART58
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This Court's decision and Order dated March 29, 2012 is vacated and Petitioner's motion is decided as follows:

Petitioner seeks an Order directing David Podell, a civil defendant in a personal injury action filed by judgment debtors, Leslie Dick and Alevtina Dick, to turn over any settlement or judgment arising from that lawsuit to Petitioner herein up to the amount of \$114,700 to satisfy a judgment previously rendered against the judgment debtors in the Civil Court of the City of New York.

Accordingly, the Petition is granted on default to the extent that it is

- EXHIBIT 1 -

ORDERED and ADJUDGED that settlement or judgment entered against Respondent David Podell for a monetary amount in the New York County Supreme Court action (Index No. 112435/09) entered in favor of Mr. Leslie Dick only on his claim for damages for his injuries, but not any such amount entered in favor of Ms. Alevtina Dick on her separate claim for loss of consortium, shall instead be entered in favor of the Petitioner in partial or full satisfaction of the unpaid judgment against the Judgement Debtors, Leslie Dick and Alevtina Dick, and that the Respondent turn over to Roc Le Triomphe Associates, LLC, the Petitioner herein, any such judgment or settlement in favor of Mr. Leslie Dick only in a sum not less than one hundred and fourteen thousand and seven hundred dollars plus any accrued interest, being the amount required to satisfy the judgment entered in the action between Roc Le Triomphe Associates, LLC, as Petitioner and Judgment Creditor and Leslie Dick and Alevtina Dick, as Judgment Debtors, and it is further

ADJUDGED that upon turnover of such funds, the Respondent David Podell shall be discharged of all liability on this account to the extent of payment made.

Dated:

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Case 1-11-41682-nhl Doc 59 Filed 11/22/13 Entered 11/22/13 15:45:10 COUNTY OF NEW YORK ROCLE TRIOMPHE ASSOCIATES LLC, Petitioner, -against-ALEVTINA DICK and LESLIE DICK 245 East 58th Street Apartment # PH-D New York, New York 10022 Respondent-Tenant. JUDGMENT KUCKER & BRUH, LLP Attorneys for PETITIONER 747 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017 (212) 869-5030 Tanya M. Owens Please refer all communications to: Esq. Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1-a, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State, certifies that, upon information and belief and reasonable inquiry, (1) the contentions contained in the annexed document are not fribolous and that (2) if the annexed document is an initiating pleading, (i) the matter was not obtained through illegal conduct, or that if it was, the attorney on other persons responsible for the illegal conduct are not participating in the matter or sharing in any fee earned therefrom and that (ii) if the matter involves potential claims for personal injury or wrongful death, the matter was not obtained in violation of $22~\mathrm{NYCRR}~1200.41$ -a. October 14, 2013 Dated: Signature Tanya M. Owens, Esq. Print Signer's Name Service of a copy of the within is hereby admitted. Dated Attorney(s) for PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the within is a (certified) true copy of a entered in the office of the clerk of the within-named Court on 20 OTICE OF that an Order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the . one of the judges of the within-named Court, ETTLEMENT at20 onDated:

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Dated:

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TALSO ADMITTED IN N. J.

June 15, 2012

BY FAX TO (212) 374-2295:

Hon. Donna Mills, J.S.C. 111 Centre Street, Room 545 New York, New York 10013

Re: Roc Le Triomphe Associates, LLC v. Podell, Index No. 101928/12

Dear Justice Mills:

My firm represents Roc Le Triomphe Associates, the Petitioner in the above-referenced proceeding. A default judgment had previously been submitted and signed in favor of the Petitioner against David Podell, the Respondent herein, which in relevant part directed the Respondent to pay over to the Petitioner the proceeds of any judgment or settlement awarded against him up to the amount of \$114,700 in a certain personal injury action, titled Dick v. Podell, Index No. 112435/09, which had been brought against him by Mr. Leslie Dick and his wife, Ms. Alevtina Dick, who are judgment debtors of the Petitioner. No judgment has yet been entered in said personal injury action, and therefore no such payment has been made.

However, as Ms. Alevtina Dick has filed for bankruptcy and is currently a debtor in the chapter 7 bankruptcy case titled In re Alevtina Dick, chapter 7 case number 11-41682-nhl pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, the judgment herein should have provided for the payment to the Petitioner of the proceeds of any judgment in the personal injury action only with respect to any judgment entered in favor of Mr. Leslie Dick on his claim for damages for his injuries, and not with respect to any judgment entered in favor of Ms. Alevtina Dick (who was not injured) on her separate claim for loss of consortium. We accordingly request that the following language be substituted for the decretal language of the previously signed judgment (which should be withdrawn), as follows:

"Accordingly, the Petition is granted on default to the extent that it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED that settlement or judgment entered against Respondent David Podell for a monetary amount in the New York County Supreme Court action (Index No. 112435/09) entered in favor of Mr. Leslie Dick only on his claim for damages for his injuries, but not any such amount entered in favor of Ms. Alevtina Dick on her separate claim for loss of consortium, shall instead be entered in favor of the Petitioner in partial or full satisfaction of the unpaid judgment against the Judgment Debtors, Leslie Dick and Alevtina Dick, and that the Respondent turn over to Roc Le Triomphe Associates LLC, the Petitioner herein, any such judgment or settlement in favor of Mr. Leslie Dick only in a sum not less than one hundred and Jun. 15. 2012 6:04PM

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ADJUDGED that upon turnover of such funds, the Respondent David Podell shall be

discharged of all liability on this account to the extent of payment made."

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments regarding the enclosed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Abner T. Zelman

Cc: Richard Freire, Esq. (by fax)

Hoey King Epstein Prezioso & Marquez

June 4, 2012

Mr. Robert L. Geltzer U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee 1556 Third Avenue New York, NY 10128 212.410.0100 212.410.0400(fax) via Fax & Hand Delivered

Re: Request for Audio/Documents from Creditors Hearing on 4/12/2011 Case No. 1-11-41682-nhl

Dear Mr. Geltzer:

- 1) Can you please provide the audio for the Creditors Hearing held on 4/12/2011. In addition can you please provide copies of the Document(s) presented to you by the Law Firm of Kucker and Bruh at that Creditors Hearing. I will have them picked up on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.
- 2) Please be advised that the Kucker and Bruh Law Firm represented to the Judge in Landlord/Tenant Court that they produced all Subpoenaed Documents during the Trial. However it appears that they did not, since those specific Documents are not in the Trial Documents and/or Exhibits, nor do I have a copy of them.
- 3) Please confirm the Hearing Date, Time and Location for the June 18th Hearing. I will be requiring a Russian interpreter, as I did not need one prior since my previous Attorney spoke both Russian and English. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Alevtina Dick/translated 114-06 Queens Boulevard Apt. C-8 New York, New York 11375

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At an IAS Part , of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of New York, at the County Courthouse, located at 60 Centre Street, New York, New York, on the Hoday of 2013.

PRESENT: HON. JOAN A. MADDEN HON. J.S.C.

Justice

LESLIE DICK,

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Petitioner(s),

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

-against-

Index No.: 156478/13.

To Compel prior attorney
To turn over legal file
To new counsel,
(SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP)

Respondent(s).

Upon reading and filing the annexed Affirmation of WILLILAM R. HAMEL, ESQ., attorney for LESLIE DICK, dated July 15, 2013, with its supporting papers and upon all the pleadings and proceeding had herein,

SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP, show cause at Supreme Court, New York County, Part // Room 31, thereof, to be held at the Courthouse, 60 Centre Street New York, New York, on the Oday of http://www.2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard,

WHY an Order should not be granted and entered herein ordering the SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP to turn over the legal file of the matter concerning LESLIE DICK, to DINKES & SCHWITZER, P.C. whom have been substituted as attorneys in place

EXHIBIT 3

of said law office by LESLIE DICK.

SUFFICIENT cause appearing therefore, let service of a copy of this order, together with the Affirmation and supporting papers attached, upon SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP located at 90 Broad Street, Suite 403, New York, NY 10004, by certified mail return receipt requested on or before the 25 day of day of 2013, be deemed good and sufficient service.

ENTER

HON JOAN A. MADDEN J.S.C.

Opposition papers shall be served by _______

Reply paper, if any, shall be served by ______

All papers shall be served, so received, by the above dates :

All papers shall be served, so received, by the above dates and shall be e-filed, if applicable, with hard copies to be filed with the Clerk of Part 11 at least three days prior to the return date. Iral argument is required.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

LESLIE DICK,

Petitioner(s),

PETITION

Index No.:

-against-

To Compel prior attorney
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(SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP)

Respondent(s).

WILLIAM HAMEL, ESQ., an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms the truth of the following under the penalties of perjury:

- 1. That on July 8, 2013, the Law Office of Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C. was retained by the Plaintiff, LESLIE DICK to prosecute a negligence action on his behalf.
- 2. That on July 8, 2013, LESLIE DICK executed a Consent to Change Attorney form substituting your affirmant's office for his former attorney, SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP, and this consent form was forwarded by facsimile and certified mail to said law office along with a correspondence advising him to take no further action on the case and to provide affirmant's office with a list of disbursements. (Copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A").

- 3. That this action arises from an accident which occurred on May 16, 2009, at which time LESLIE DICK was caused to sustained serious personal injuries.
- 4. That LESLIE DICK wishes the case and the file regarding this matter be transferred, immediately, to the affirmant's office.
- 5. That despite the acknowledged receipt of the Consent to Change Attorney form by the SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP, said office has failed to turn over the files to your affirmant's office.
- 6. That your affirmant has made numerous telephone calls to respondent's office inquiring about said file and to date said file has not been turned over.
- 7. That incoming counsel, Dinkes & Schwitzer is ready and willing to pay any disbursements incurred by the outgoing counsel.
- 8. However, it is requested that this Court grant an Order directing that the outgoing attorney immediately transfer the entire contents of the file of the plaintiff LESLIE DICK to his new counsel. It is further requested that any lien that the outgoing attorneys have in regard to attorneys fees be held in abeyance pending the resolution of this matter by settlement or

judgment.

9. No prior application has been made for the release requested herein.

WHEREFORE, your affirmant respectfully requests that this Court grant an Order directing the law office of SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP, to turn over the entire file regarding LESLIE DICK, immediately, to the affirmant's office, and for the Court to direct that any attorneys fees be held in escrow and that the attorneys are to distribute the fees by agreement, and in the event that no agreement can be reached that the Court set this matter down for a hearing at the conclusion of the case to determine the equitable distribution of attorneys fees earned in this matter and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York July 15, 2013

WILLIAM HAMEL

EXHIBIT "A"

Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C.

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

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July 8, 2013

Schwartz, Goldstone & Campisi, LLP 90 Broad Street, Suite 403 New York, NY 10004

Re: Leslie Dick

File No.: SRDS13-059 D/A: May 16, 2009

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that we have been retained by the above named-mentioned client to represent his, in regard to his accident which occurred on May 16, 2009. Therefore, we ask that you stop all legal work on his behalf.

Kindly advise us of all legal disbursements on this file so that we may reimburse you and have the file transferred to our office.

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM R. HAMEL

WRH/ap Enclosures

Case 1-11-41682-nhl Doc 59 Filed 11/22/13 Entered 11/22/13 15:45:10 Consent must be signed by attorney of record and signed and acknowledged by party. Type name beneath each signature. COURT COUNTY OF Index No. LESLIE DICK Plaintiff(s) CONSENT against TO CHANGE ATTORNEY Defendant(s) IT IS HEREBY CONSENTED THAT DINKES & SCHWITZER, P.C., 112 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016 Esq.of No. be substituted as attorney(s) of record for the undersigned party(ies) in the above entitled action in place and stead of the undersigned attorney(s) as of the date hereof. Dated: July 8, 2013 DINKES & SCHWITZER, 'P.C. SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK On the day of , 19 , before me personally came 8th July, 2013 LESLIE DICK to me known, and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing consent and acknowledged to me that executed the same.

July 8, 2013

Schwartz, Goldstone & Campisi, LLP 90 Broad Street, Suite 403 New York, NY 10004

Re: My Case

Date of Accident: 5/16/09

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I have retained the law firm of Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C., 112 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016, to be substituted in your place in connection with my case.

You are directed to turn over my complete file to Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C., immediately. You are further directed to take absolutely no further action on my behalf.

Please call William Schwitzer at the office of Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C. at (212) 685-7800 immediately to arrange to have my file picked up.

Do not call me or communicate with me in anyway. All further contact should be directed to Mr. Schwitzer.

Very truly yours,

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July 8, 2013

Schwartz, Goldstone & Campisi, LLP 90 Broad Street, Suite 403 New York, NY 10004

Re: Leslie Dick

File No.: SRDS13-059 D/A: May 16, 2009

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that we have been retained by the above named-mentioned client to represent his, in regard to his accident which occurred on May 16, 2009. Therefore, we ask that you stop all legal work on his behalf.

Kindly advise us of all legal disbursements on this file so that we may reimburse you and have the file transferred to our office.

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK	
LESLIE DICK,	

Petitioner,

AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION

Index No.: 156478/13

-against-

To compel prior attorney to turn over legal file to new counsel, (Schwartz, Goldstone & Campisi, LLP),

Respondent.	
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Tara M. Kennedy, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the courts of this State, and an associate of SCHWARTZ GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP, attorneys for plaintiff(s), affirms the following to be true under penalty of perjury:

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has been discharged, Mr. Geltzer continues to serve as Trustee. As indicated in his letter, our office

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& Schwitzer's Order to Show Cause. See, copy of correspondence annexed hereto as Exhibit "B".

5. Upon consent of the Bankruptcy Trustee, payment of our disbursements, and an

agreement that our office shall have a lien for attorney's fees, which shall be determined at the

resolution of this matter, our office will gladly turn over the legal file.

WHEREFORE, affirmant respectfully requests that the within motion be in all respects

denied as argued above, together with such other, further, and different relief as to this Court seems

just and proper.

DATED:

New York, New York

October 15, 2013

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DATE:	September 20, 2013	
TO:	Joseph Campisi, Esq.	BY FAX ONLY
FAX NO.:	(212) 385-2308	
FROM:	ROBERT L. GELTZER	
RE:	Alvetina Dick - Case No. 11-41682 (N	IHL) - Your File No. 3368
REMARKS:	I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU SEVERAL CASE WHERE I SERVE AS FEDERA BEEN ACTING AS MY SPECIAL PERS	TIMES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE IL BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE AND YOU HAVE SONAL INJURY COUNSEL.
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### Transmission via fax at (212)410-0100 and regular mail

Law Offices of Robert L. Geltzer 1556 Third Avenue New York, New York 10128

Re:

Alevtina Dick - Case No. 11-41682(JBR)

Dick v. Podel - Index No. 112435/09

Our File No. 3368

Dear Mr. Geltzer:

Mordecai T. Schwartz

Bruce H. Goldstone *

Herbert Rodriguez °

Tara M. Kennedy o

Joseph Campisi

David A. Kates

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Please advise how you want this office to proceed.

Thank you.

Very truly yours

CHWARTZ GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP

Joseph Campisi, Esq

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

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Kathy Zaprudskiy, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am not a party to this action, I am over 18 years of age and reside in Kings County, State of New York.

That on the 15th day of October, 2013, I served the within

#### AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION

Upon: Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C. 112 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10016

at the address designated by said attorney(s) for that purpose, by depositing a true copy of same securely enclosed in a post-paid properly addressed wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York.

Kathy Zaprudskiy

Sworn to before me this 15th day of October, 2013

Notary Public

Nadezhda Kravchenko Commissioner of Deeds, City of New York No. 5-1644

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK	<b>v</b>
LESLIE DICK AND ALEVTINA DICK,  Plaintiffs,	AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION
-against-	Index No.: 112435/09
DAVID PODELL,	
Respondent.	<b>V</b>
Tara M. Kennedy, an attorney duly admitted	<b>1</b> *

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Schwitzer has been nonresponsive to his requests for additional information. See, copy of

correspondence annexed hereto as Exhibit "C".

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DATED:

New York, New York

November 5, 2013

Fara M. Kennedi

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TO:	Joseph Campisi, Esq.	BY FAX ONLY
FAX NO.:	(212) 385-2308	
FROM:	ROBERT L. GELTZER	
RE:	Alvetina Dick - Case No. 1	1-41682 (NHL) Your File No. 3368
REMARKS:	CASE WHERE I SERVE A	SEVERAL TIMES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE S FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE AND YOU HAVE CIAL PERSONAL INJURY COUNSEL.
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Please advise how you want this office to proceed.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

SCHWARTZ GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP

Joseph Campisi, Esq.

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October 19, 2013

William R. Hamel, Esq. Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C. 112 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10016

> Alevtiπa Dick - Case No. 11-41682 (NHL) Re: Dick v. Podell - Index No. 112435/2009

Your File No. SRDS13-059

Dear Mr. Hamel:

You have failed to respond to my September 25, 2013 letter by providing me with all information in connection with the Debtor's pre-petition personal injury action which is estate property and which I, as the Trustee for the estate, must administer, including liability, damages, and your professional estimate as to recovery.

If I do not have the information within the next three (3) days, I shall sue for the

Geltzer

Robert

turnover of the file.

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Joseph Campisi, Esq (by fax only 212-385-2308) cc:

U.S. Bankruptcy Clerk (by ECF Filing)

Aleytina Dick

Justice Manuel J. Mendez (by fax only 212-884-8975)

New York Supreme Court

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

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Kathy Zaprudskiy, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am not a party to this action, I am over 18 years of age and reside in Kings County, State of New York.

That on the 5th day of November, 2013, I served the within

#### AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION

Upon: Dinkes & Schwitzer, P.C. 112 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10016

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at the address designated by said attorney(s) for that purpose, by depositing a true copy of same securely enclosed in a post-paid properly addressed wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York.

Kathy Žaprudskiy

Sworn to before me this 5th day of November, 2013

Notary Public

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Notary Public, State Of New York
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November 13, 2013

Robert Geltzer, Esq. 1556 Third Avenue New York, N.Y. 10128

> Re: Leslie and Alvetina Dick Our File Number: SRDS13-059

Dear Mr. Geltzer:

Enclosed please find an Order dated November 6, 2013, signed by the Honorable Judge Manuel J. Mendez from the Supreme Court, County of New York directing the law office of Schwartz, Goldstone & Campisi, LLP to transfer the Alvetina Dick file to your firm.

Kindly contact the undersigned upon receipt of this correspondence so that we may discuss the transfer of the file to our office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

William Hamel

WH:ap Enc.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK	
COUNTY OF NEW YORK	
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LESLIE DICK and ALEVTINA DICK,	•

Plaintiff,

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ORDER WITH NOTICE OF

**ENTRY** 

-against-

Index No.: 112435/09

DAVID PODELL,

Defendants.

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#### COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, the within is a certified true copy of an Oder dated November 6, 2013 and filed in the Office of Supreme Court New York County Clerk on November 6, 2013.

Dated: New York, New York November 13, 2013

Yours, etc.,

BY: WILLIAM R. HAMEL, ESQ. DINKES & SCHWITZER, P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) 112 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10016 (212) 685-7800

File No.: SRDS13-059

TO: SCHWARTZ, GOLSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP
Outgoing Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
90 Broad Street, Suite 403
New York, NY 10004

HOEY KING EPSTEIN PREZIOSO Attorney for Defendant 55 Water Street, 29th Floor New York, NY 10041

# MOTION/CASE IS RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO JUSTICE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S):

#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK — NEW YORK COUNTY

PRESENT:	MANUEL J. MENDEZ	PART <u>13</u>
_	Justice	
LESLIE DICK and	ALEVTINA DICK,	440 107/00
	Plaintiffs	INDEX NO. 112435/09
-,	Against-	
DAVID PODELL,		
	Defendant.	
		MOTION DATE 11-06-2013
		MOTION SEQ. NO. 004
		MOTION CAL. NO.
The following par	pers, numbered 1 to5_ were read on th	is petition to compel transfer of file.
		PAPERS NUMBERED
Notice of Motion/	Order to Show Cause — Affidavits — Exhi	bits <u>1-2,</u>
Answering Affida	avits — Exhibits	3-4
Replying Affidav	its	5
Cross-Moti	on: 🗌 Yes X No	COPY

Upon a reading of the foregoing cited papers, it is ordered that this motion to compel the transfer of legal file is granted to the extent stated herein.

Plaintiffs moves for an order compelling its attorneys Schwartz, Goldstone & Campisi, LLP to transfer the file in its possession for the prosecution of plaintiff's personal injury action against Dick Podell, to the Law firm of Dinkes & Schweitzer. Plaintiffs signed a "Consent to Change Attorney" form which was served on its attorneys, but they have not transferred the file.

Plaintiff Alevtina Dick, who has asserted a derivative claim in the personal injury action filed for Bankruptcy. The refuses to transfer the file until it obtains a "Consent to Change" attorney from Alevtina Dick's Bankruptcy Trustee. The Bankruptcy trustee has not given his consent to change attorneys because he is still waiting for a copy of the Personal Injury legal file, in order to review it before making any determination as to which attorney to retain for the prosecution of the action. The Trustee has written both Plaintiff's incoming attorneys and the outgoing attorneys requesting a copy of the file without any success.

Plaintiffs now move to compel the outgoing firm to transfer the file, the outgoing firm opposes the transfer without the consent of the Trustee.

After filing for Bankruptcy Alevtina Dick lacked the capacity to prosecute her personal injury action because the action then becomes an asset of the Bankruptcy estate (see Quinn v. Guerra, 26 A.D. 3d 872, 811 N.Y.S. 2d 238 [4th Dept. 2006]) and the trustee of the estate is vested with title to all of her property, including rights and choses in action (Weiss v. Goldfeder, 201 A.D. 2d 644, 608 N.Y.S. 2d 242 [2nd. Dept.

1994]), and legal or equitable interests of hers in property as of commencement of the case (Coastal Mechanical Corp., v. Energists, Inc., 225 A.D. 2d 347, 639 N.Y.S. 2d 30[1st. Dept. 1996]). Therefore, without the Trustee's consent the outgoing firm cannot transfer the file to Plaintiff's incoming counsel. However, the Trustee will not consent to the transfer until he has been able to review the file and for this to occur a copy of the file must be transferred to the Trustee, who is the one vested with title to all of Alevtina Dick's property, including the personal injury case.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is granted to the extent of DIRECTING the law firm of SCHWARTZ, GOLDSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP, to within 30 days from the date of service of a copy of this order with notice of entry, transfer a copy of ALEVTINA DICK'S legal file in its possession to the Trustee in Bankruptcy ROBERT L. GELTZER, ESQ. 1556 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10128, and it is further

ORDERED that the parties are to appear on the personal injury action for a status conference in IAS Part 13 located at 71 Thomas Street, Room 210, on January 22, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.

Dated: November 6, 2013

Manuel J. Mendez
J.S.C.

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK

I, Athenia A. Parks, being sworn, say: I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside in Queens County, New York.

On November 13, 2013, I served the within Order with Notice of Entry by depositing a true copy thereof enclosed in a post-paid wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service within New York State, addressed to each of the following persons at the last known address set forth after each name:

TO: SCHWARTZ, GOLSTONE & CAMPISI, LLP 90 Broad Street, Suite 403 New York, NY 10004

> HOEY KING EPSTEIN PREZIOSO 55 Water Street, 29th Floor New York, NY 10041

> > ATHENIA A. PARKS

Sworn to before me this

13th day of November, 2013

NOTARY PUBLIC

KRISTINA M POLANCO Notary Public, State of New York No. 01PO6190926 Qualified in Westchester County Commission Expires Jan. 10, 2017 Index No.: 112435/09

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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LESLIE DICK and ALEVTINA DICK,

Plaintiff,

-V-

DAVID PODELL,

Defendants.

#### ORDER WITH NOTICE OF ENTRY

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#### DINKES & SCHWITZER, P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff
Office and Post Office Address, Telephone
112 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10030
(212) 685-7800

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK	
LESLIE DICK and ALEVTINA DICK,	Index No. 112435/09
Plaintiff,	REPLY
-against-	<u>AFFIRMATION</u>
DAVID PODELL,	
Defendants.	

WILLIAM R. HAMEL, an attorney duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, under penalties of perjury, and pursuant to papers in a file maintained in this office, affirms:

- 1. I am an associate of the law firm of DINKES & SCHWITZER, P.C., the attorneys for the plaintiff and I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding this action.
- 2. This affirmation is submitted in reply to plaintiffs' prior counsels affirmation in opposition to our motion and in support of our motion to compel the turnover of the Leslie Dick and Alevtina Dick file.
- 3. Contrary, to prior counsel assertions, the United States Bankruptcy Court granted a discharge of the debtor Aletina Dick on June 14, 2011, thereby apparently discharging the Bankruptcy Court of any further obligations to Mrs. Dick, and thereby allowing for an immediate transfer of the aforementioned file. See attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- 4. Consequently the Law offices of Schwartz, Goldstone & Campisi should immediately turn over the file of plaintiff Leslie Dick and Alevtina Dick.

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Dated: New York, New York November 5, 2013

Yours, etc.,

DINKES & SCHWITZER, P.C.

BY:

WILLIAM HAMEL, ESQ.

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 112 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10016

(212) 683-3800

File No.: SRDS13-059

To: Law offices of Schwartz Goldstone & Campisi Prior Attorneys for Plaintiffs 90 Broad Street, Suite 403 New York, NY 10004

> HOEY KING EPSTEIN PREZIOSO Attorneys for Defendant(s) 55 Water Street, 29th Floor, New York, NY 10041

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## **United States Bankruptcy Court**

Eastern District of New York 271 Cadman Plaza East, Suite 1595 Brooklyn, NY 11201-1800

IN RE:

CASE NO: 1-11-41682-jbr

Alevtina Dick

114-06 Queens Blvd, C8 Forest Hills, NY 11375

Name(s) used by the debtor(s) in the last 8 years, including married, maiden, trade, and address.

Social Security/Individual Taxpayer ID/Taxpayer ID/Employer ID No.:

CHAPTER: 7

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DEBTOR(s)

#### DISCHARGE OF DEBTOR(S)

It appearing that the debtor(s) is entitled to a discharge,

#### IT IS ORDERED:

The debtor(s) is granted a discharge under Section 727 of Title 11, United States Code, (the Bankruptcy Code),

BY THE COURT

Dated: June 14, 2011

s/ Joel B. Rosenthal United States Bankruptcy Judge

SEE THE BACK OF THIS ORDER FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK,

#### COUNTY OF NEW YORK

I, ATHENIA A. PARKS, being sworn, say: I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside at Queen, New York. On November 5, 2013, I served the within **REPLY AFFIRMATION** by depositing a true copy thereof enclosed in a post-paid wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service within New York State, addressed to each of the following persons at the last known address set forth after each name:

Law offices of Schwartz Goldstone & Campisi Prior Attorneys for Plaintiffs 90 Broad Street, Suite 403 New York, NY 10004

HOEY KING EPSTEIN PREZIOSO Attorneys for Defendant(s) 55 Water Street, 29th Floor, New York, NY 10041

ATHENIA A. PARKS

Sworn to before me on the 5th day of November, 2013

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